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1. A CHECK BY RCAA WITH BOEING AND PIA SOURCES BEIRUT, AGAINST INFORMATION FURNISHED RCAA IN KARACHI BY S. AJAZ ALI, PIA DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR, INDICATES THAT THE PAKISTANI CARRIER OWNS SEVEN BOEING 707-340C'S AS FOLLOWS: FOUR (NOT THREE) ARE DEPLOYED ON PIA PTERNATIONAL SCHEDULED SERVICES; TWO ARE ON LEASE TO JAT (YUGOSLAV AIRLINES); AND ONE IS ON LEASE TO BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS (SEE REFTTEL, PAR. 2). THE PAKISTANI CARRIER IS OPERATING INTERNATIONAL SERVICES WITH THE FOUR BOEING 707-340C'S, AND TWO BOEING 707-373C'S LEASED FROM WORLD AIRWAYS, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA (LEASE DUE TO TERMINATE JUNE 1975). ALL SIX OF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE CONFIGURED WITH TWO CARGO PALLETS FORWARD AND

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126 ALL-ECONOMY SEATS.

2. PLANNED SEATING CONFIGURATION OF THE THREE DC-10-30'S (SEE REFTEL, PAR. 4), WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: 22 FIRST-CLASS SEATS PLUS 193 ECONOMY-CLASS SEATS PLUS PASSENGER BAGGAGE CONTAINERS LOCATED IN REAR OF CABIN, LEAVING 20 TONS OF CARGO CAPACITY AVAILABLE IN BELLY-HOLD. AS PIA PASSENGER TRAFFIC INCREASES, MAIN DECK CONFIGURATION WILL GRADUALLY BE RECONFIGURED TO APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM OF 260 SEATS, INCLUDING 22 FIRST-CLASS AND 238 ECONOMY-CLASS, IN RCAA'S VIEW, WITH FLEXIBILITY TO BE CONFIGURED FOR 345 ALL-ECONOMY SEATS WHEN REQUIRED BY HAJ OR CHARTER AIRLIFT.

3. ALTHOUGH THREE BOEING 720-040B'S ARE TENTATIVELY EAR-MARKED FOR LEASE TO AIR MALTA, APRIL 1, 1974, ONE OF THESE COULD BE HELD BACK FOR DEPLOYMENT ON POSSIBLY REINSTITUTED SERVICES BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND INDIA NEXT YEAR, I.E., KARACHI-NEW DELHI, KARACHI-BOMBAY, IN VIEW AFSAR HUSSAIN, PIA DIRECTOR OF PLANNING (SEE REFTEL PARA. 2).
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